

## Claims

- [c1] 1. An article, comprising:  
a machine readable medium which stores machine executable instructions, the  
instructions causing a computer to:  
*Sub A2* → detect random information in a descriptor of an electronic communication; and  
establish said electronic communication as being an undesired electronic communication  
based on said detect of said random information.
- [c2] 2. An article as in claim 1, wherein said random information includes a plurality of  
random characters.
- [c3] 3. An article as in claim 1, wherein said random information includes a plurality of  
random words.
- [c4] 4. An article as in claim 1, wherein said detect random information comprises detecting  
specified words which include additional random information associated therewith.
- [c5] 5. An article as in claim 2, wherein said detect random characters comprises comparing a  
content of said electronic communication to a dictionary of words, and establishing parts  
within said electronic communication that are not within said dictionary as being random  
characters.
- [c6] 6. An article as in claim 1, wherein said electronic communication is one of an e-mail or a  
web page.
- [c7] 7. An article as in claim 1, further comprising an instruction to filter said electronic  
communication based on said instructions to establish.
- [c8] 8. A method, comprising:  
receiving an electronic communication;  
detecting random information within a descriptor associated with said electronic  
communication; and  
filtering said electronic communication, prior to reaching a user, responsive to said  
detecting.
- [c9] 9. A method as in claim 8, wherein said filtering comprises restricting said electronic  
communication from reaching said user, when said detecting detects said random

information within said electronic communication.

- [c10] 10. A method as in claim 9, wherein said random information includes random characters.
- [c11] 11. A method as in claim 10, wherein said random information includes random words, and said detecting comprises comparing said electronic communication with a dictionary of words, and establishing items which do not match any parts of said dictionary as being said random information.
- [c12] 12. A method as in claim 8, further comprising defining rules which determine which electronic communications should be filtered, and detecting said electronic communications based on said rules.
- [c13] 13. An article, comprising:  
a machine readable medium which stores machine-executable instructions, the instructions causing a machine to:  
process electronic communications according to rules which define characteristics of said electronic communications which will be filtered prior to reaching the user; and establishing said electronic communication as being ones which will be filtered when content of electronic communication matches said filter content by a specified amount.
- [c14] 14. An article as in claim 13, wherein said instructions to establish include instructions to determine a random content within said electronic communication in addition to a content defined by said rules.
- [c15] 15. An article as in claim 13, wherein said establishing establishes the communication as one to be filtered when the content matches by 80-90% percent or more.
- [c16] 16. An article as in claim 14, wherein said random content is determined by comparing said content with a database.